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STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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VERIFIED JOINT PETITION OF INDIANA GAS)
COMPANY, INC., SOUTHERN INDIANA GAS)
AND ELECTRIC COMPANY AND THE BOARD)
OF DIRECTORS FOR UTILITIES OF THE)
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OF THE)
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, AS SUCCESSOR)
TRUSTEE OF A PUBLIC CHARITABLE TRUST,)
d/b/a CITIZENS GAS & COKE UTILITY,)
PURSUANT TO IND. CODE § 8-1-2.5 et. seq.)
FOR APPROVAL OF AN ALTERNATIVE)
REGULATORY PLAN WHICH WOULD)
ESTABLISH A PILOT UNIVERSAL SERVICE)
PROGRAM)

CAUSE NO. 42590

PREHEARING
CONFERENCE ORDER

APPROVED: APR 28 2004

BY THE COMMISSION:

David W. Hadley, Commissioner
Thomas Cobb, Administrative Law Judge

On March 4, 2004, Indiana Gas Company, Inc. d/b/a Vectren Energy Delivery of Indiana, Inc. ("IGC"), Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Company, d/b/a Vectren Energy Delivery of Indiana, Inc. ("SIGECO") and the Board of Directors for Utilities of the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Indianapolis, as Successor Trustee of a Public Charitable Trust, d/b/a Citizens Gas & Coke Utility ("Citizens") (collectively, the "Petitioners"), filed their Verified Joint Petition ("Joint Petition") with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") in this matter. The Joint Petition seeks approval to implement the terms of an alternative regulatory plan which would establish a pilot universal service program for each of the Petitioners.

Pursuant to notice and as provided for in 170 IAC 1-1.1-15, a Prehearing Conference in this Cause was held in Room E306 of the Indiana Government Center South, Indianapolis, Indiana at 9:30 a.m. on April 15, 2004. Proofs of publication of the notice of the Prehearing Conference have been incorporated into the record and placed in the official files of the Commission. The Petitioners, the Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("Public" or "OUCC"), Intervenor Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana, Inc. ("CAC") and Intervenor Manufacturing and Health Providing Customers ("Intervening Customers") appeared and participated at the Prehearing Conference. No members of the general public appeared.

Prior to the opening of the record and with the consent of all parties in attendance, an informal discussion was held regarding procedural and scheduling matters in this Cause. The agreement of the parties was then read into the record.

Based upon the agreement of the parties, the Commission now enters the following Findings and Order which should become a part of the record in this proceeding.

1. **Petitioners' Prefiling Date.** The Petitioners and the Public should prefile with the Commission their prepared testimony and exhibits constituting their respective cases-in-chief on or before April 30, 2004. Copies of the same should be served upon all parties of record.

2. **Intervenors' Prefiling Date.** Intervenors should prefile with the Commission the prepared testimony and exhibits constituting their respective cases-in-chief on or before May 28, 2004. Copies of same should be served upon all parties of record.

3. **Petitioners' and OUCC's Rebuttal Prefiling.** The Petitioners and the OUCC should prefile with the Commission their prepared rebuttal testimony on or before June 7, 2004. Copies of the same should be served upon all parties of record.

4. **Intervenors' Cross-Answering Testimony.** The Intervenors' should prefile with the Commission any cross-answering testimony on or before June 7, 2004.

5. **Settlement.** In the event of settlement, a settlement hearing will be held June 17, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., in Room TC10, Indiana Government Center South, and the parties and counsel are directed to:

a. File the Settlement, including any proposed "Joint Order" that effects settlement, and any supporting material no less than five (5) business days before the date of the settlement hearing designated above. In the event no such filing occurs, the settlement hearing date and time will be vacated, and the matter continued to the evidentiary hearing date specified below, or such other date the presiding officers may designate, without further notice.

b. Comply with the Commission's GAO 1995-4, and the provisions of 170 IAC 1-1.1-17.

6. **Evidentiary Hearing on the Parties' Cases-In-Chief.** In the event this Cause is not settled, the cases-in-chief of the Petitioners, the OUCC and any Intervenors should be presented in an evidentiary hearing to commence at 9:30 a.m. on June 17, 2004 in Room TC-10 of the Indiana Government Center South, Indianapolis, Indiana. At such time, the direct evidence of the respective parties should be presented and their respective witnesses examined. Thereafter, Petitioners and the OUCC should present their prefiled rebuttal evidence. At that time, Intervenors also shall present their cross-answering testimony and exhibits.

7. **Discovery.** Discovery is available for all parties and should be conducted on an informal basis. Any response or objection to a discovery request should be made within ten (10) calendar days of the receipt of such request, if the request is served on a party prior to the date the party files its case-in-chief. After a party files its case and chief, it should provide any response or objection to a discovery request within five (5) calendar days.

8. **Number of Copies/Corrections.** The parties should file with the Commission an original and thirteen (13) copies of all prefiled testimony and exhibits. Any corrections to prefiled testimony should be made in writing as soon as possible after discovery of the need to make such corrections. Although the Commission's rules require that original copies be one-sided, it is the Commission's preference that duplicate copies use both sides of the paper.

9. **Intervenors.** Any party permitted to become an Intervenor in this Cause should be bound by the record as it stands at the time its Petition to intervene is granted, pursuant to 170 IAC 1-1.1-11.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION that:

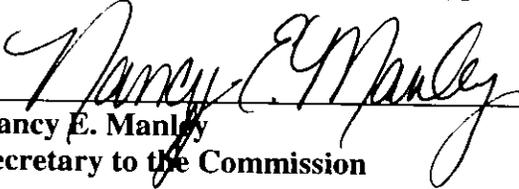
1. The determination of the Prehearing Conference set forth in this Order are made a part of the record in this Cause and shall be binding on all present and future parties of record during the proceedings of this Cause.

2. This Order shall be effective on and after the date of its approval.

McCARTY, HADLEY, LANDIS, RIPLEY AND ZIEGNER CONCUR:
APPROVED:

APR 28 2004

**I hereby certify that the above is a true
and correct copy of the Order as approved.**



Nancy E. Manley
Secretary to the Commission